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## THE AREA

Henderson County Conservation Area, which includes Gladstone Lake, offers a variety of recreational facilities. The 27-acre lake has a shoreline of 1.5 miles and a maximum depth of 25 feet. The area, about 20 miles southwest of Monmouth and 5 miles east of the Mississippi River, has a total of 87 acres.

## HISTORY

Henderson County Conservation Area was purchased by the state in 1961 from the C. B. & Q. Railroad. The railroad used the area to dredge sand and gravel for use in its railroad maintenance. The lake water was used for filling the train's steam engines.

## FACILITIES

**Picnicking:** There is one area on a hill with tables and toilets.

**Camping:** Tent and trailer sites are available. All campers must obtain a camping permit from the park personnel. Group camping is permitted; all groups of over 25 persons need advance permission to enter the area.

**Fishing and Boating:** The lake contains bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, bullhead, carp and sauger. A boat launch is on the east side of the lake. Motors are not allowed; electric trolling only.

**Winter Sports:** Ice-skating and ice fishing are permitted on the lake when the ice is thick enough.

**Please:** This area is for all to enjoy so help keep it clean. Put all litter in the nearest available trash container. No flowers, plants, shrubs or trees may be removed or damaged. If you need help or have a question, contact the site manager.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

Admittance will not be granted groups of 25 or more persons to any state park or conservation area unless permission from the park ranger has been secured to use the facilities. It is also required that groups of minors have adequate supervision and that at least one responsible adult accompany each group not exceeding 15 minors. All pets must be on a leash.

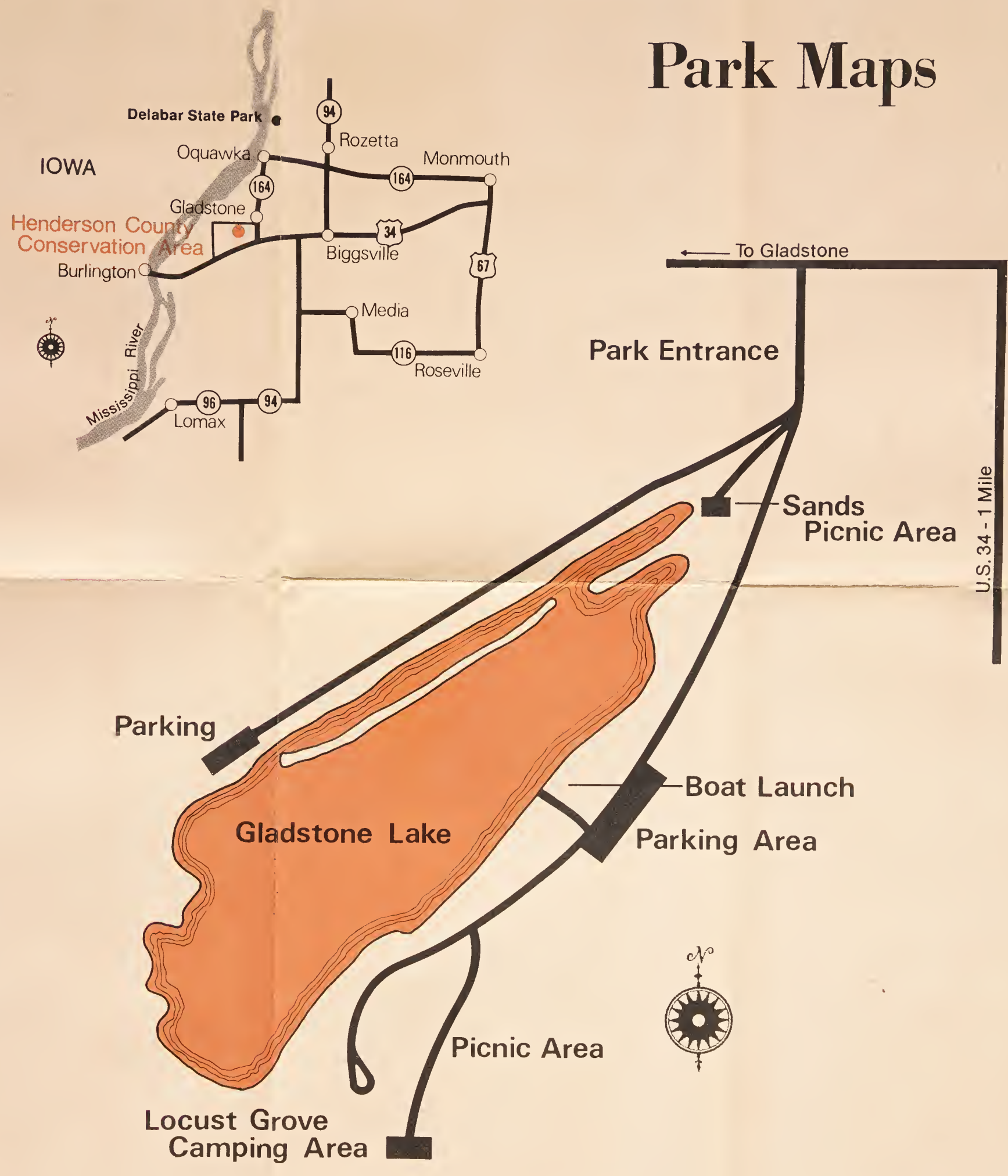
Numerous state parks and memorials are within easy access of every part of the state. Lodges, cabins and dining rooms are important features of Illinois Beach, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette, White Pines Forest and Giant City. Reservations for lodging should be made with lodge managers.

All state parks are open the year round. When weather conditions necessitate the closing of park roads during freezing and thawing periods, access to park facilities is by foot only.

For more details contact Ranger, c/o Delabar State Park, Oquakwa, 61469, phone 309/867-3671. For information on other Illinois sites, write the Department of Conservation, Information/Education Division, State Office Building, Springfield, 62706.



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